

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)  
DRAFT Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2009

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met via WebEx on April 2, 2009, beginning at 10:00 AM. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Formed a subcommittee to specify a statement of work and deliverables for a possible Phase 2B.** The intent is to engage SSC constituencies in identifying actions the state could take to enable renewable generation to connect to the grid in the next two-four years, before major new transmission projects can be approved and built. It may be that there are no such short-term measures that make sense, all things considered; but this investigation will enable RETI to address this issue directly. SSC members volunteering to serve on this subcommittee are: Jan Strack, SDG&E; Gary Allen and Pat Arons, SCE; Kevin Dasso and Curt Hatton, PG&E; Anne Gillette, CPUC; Clare Laufenberg Gallardo or other CEC staff; Dariush Shirmohammadi, wind industry; Mo Beshir, LADWP; Dave Singleton, NAHC. The CAISO will necessarily be involved. Dave Olsen will convene a first meeting of this subcommittee as soon as the Phase 2A report is issued.
2. **Extended the schedule for completing the Phase 2A Report.** The sense of the meeting was that the public comment period should be extended to 30 days to, among other things, enable the SSC to hold public meetings to gather input and comment on the Draft Report. The CEC will check to make sure the Governor's Office will accept this schedule. The new proposed schedule is:
  - April 9:** Phase 2 work groups joint WebEx meeting to review transmission segment rankings for Draft Phase 2A Report, Noon-2:00 PM.
  - April 14:** Draft Phase 2A Report sent to SSC
  - April 21:** In-person SSC meeting, at CEC, Sacramento, 10:00 AM-4:30 PM
  - April 27:** Post Draft report, revised with SSC comments, for public review
  - April 27-May 26:** public meetings to gather comment on the draft report; dates and locations TBD.
  - May 26:** Public comments on draft report due to CEC
  - June 2:** Draft Final Phase 2A Report sent to SSC
  - June 9:** SSC in-person meeting to accept Phase 2A Final Report.
3. **Agreed to schedule public meetings to explain RETI work and gather input and comment on the Phase 2A Draft Report.** As previously agreed at the February 24, 2009 SSC meeting, the RETI Outreach Committee will work to arrange public meetings in San Bernardino, Kern and/or Imperial Counties, and one meeting in Northern California. Meetings will be set to enable participation by tribes to the extent possible. The Outreach Committee will propose meeting dates to the SSC, and arrange meetings to enable as many SSC members as possible to attend.

As reported during the meeting, renewable development zones identified in the Western Governors' WREZ process are likely to be different, and much larger than RETI CREZ; further, they will be identified only in Southern California. Large development zones are likely to be of great concern to all people concerned to protect desert ecosystems. At the urging of Johanna Wald of NRDC, there was general agreement that RETI public meetings should proactively explain the differences between WREZ zones and RETI CREZ.

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4. **Agreed that publicly available PPA and queue data associated with individual CREZ could be shown in the RETI Phase 2A Report**, as long as this information is aggregated. A few CREZ may have only one PPA or one queue position; in these cases, the CPUC will check with the generator to determine whether releasing this information could have a negative effect, and if so, exclude the information from the report. Anne Gillette will query solar industry SSC members, who were not present in the meeting, to check that this is acceptable to solar generators.
5. **Confirmed April 21 as the date of the next SSC meeting**, at the California Energy Commission in Sacramento. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and adjourn at 4:30 PM. A draft of the Phase 2 Report to be reviewed at this meeting will be sent to the SSC on April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

#### **April 2, 2009 SSC meeting attendees**

##### **SSC members:**

PG&E	Kevin Dasso, Curt Hatton
SCE	Gary Allen; Patricia Arons
SDG&E	Linda Brown
DFG	Scott Flint
USFS	Julie Tupper; Mike Chapel
Geothermal	John McCaull
Wind	Faramarz Nabavi
Solar	Rainer Aringhoff
CEC	Clare Laufenberg Gallardo
Counties	Joe Bertotti
CPUC	Anne Gillette
DRA	Scott Logan
NAHC	Dave Singleton
NRDC	Johanna Wald
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella
Military	Tony Parisi
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir
BLM	Bob Doyel

**Not Present:**

CAISO	Gary DeShazo
IID	Juan Carlos Sandoval
IEP	Steven Kelly
Farm Bureau	Karen Mills
SCPPA	Dave Walden
Biomass	Gregg Morris
NCPA	Jim Pope
Counties	Andy Horne
SDG&E	Mike McClenahan; Jan Strack; Pamela Mills

**Coordinating Committee members attending:**

CEC	Laurie ten Hope
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**Observers:**

CPUC	Billie Blanchard
Navigant/TANC	David Oliver
Citizen	John Moore
Westlands Water District	Bob Dowds
San Manuel Band Mission Indians	Ann Brierty
LS Power	Ali Amirali
State of Oregon	Matt Muldoon
SCE	Gary Holdsworth
Black & Veatch	Tim Mason
Terraverde	Michael Hoexter
Robertson-Bryan, Inc.	Greg Brehm
FERC	Eric Sedina
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Gene Varanini
Misti Norton	
Robert Cohn	
Jim Kritikson	

**Coordinators:**

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen – CEERT